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## DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE AT AN ELEVATED TEMPERATURE," the specification of which was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 8, 2000 under Attorney Docket No. 291958124US.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and may jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from this patent application.

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Robert A. Weaver, Gregory J. Wilson and Paul R. McHugh  
Application No. : 09/733,608  
Filed : December 8, 2000  
For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A  
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE AT AN ELEVATED  
TEMPERATURE

Docket No. : 291958124US

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is enclosed, hereby elects under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

Assignee hereby appoints JERRY A. RIEDINGER, Registration No. 30,582; MAURICE J. PIRIO, Registration No. 33,273; JOHN C. STEWART, Registration No. 40,188; MICHAEL D. BROADDUS, Registration No. 41,637; BRIAN P. MCQUILLEN, Registration No. 41,989; CATHERINE HONG TRAN, Registration No. 43,960; ROBERT G. WOOLSTON, Registration No. 37,263; PAUL T. PARKER, Registration No. 38,264; JOHN M. WECHKIN, Registration No. 42,216; CHRISTOPHER DALEY-WATSON, Registration No. 34,807; STEVEN D. LAWRENZ, Registration No. 37,376; JAMES A.D. WHITE, Registration No. 43,985; EDWARD S.

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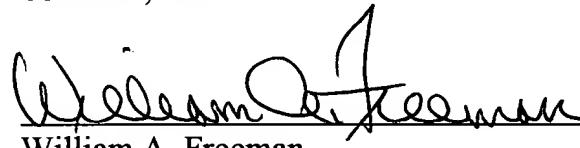
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to Semitool, Inc. filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

Semitool, Inc.

February 1, 2001

Date

  
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Enclosure:

Copy of Assignment